

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, LaVern Alvin Schaefer and Arlene Gladys Frey exchanged their wedding vows on September 6, 1953, at the Freiden's Reformed Church at Tripp, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, LaVern and Arlene gave life and love to four children: Lila, Allen, Marilyn, and Barbara, and they also have one grandson, Matthew; and,

Whereas, LaVern was a mechanic at Kotas Implement, sold welding equipment, worked at his brother's Mobil gas station, and in his retirement continues to work on small engines in his garage and drive a school bus; and,

Whereas, Arlene recently retired as a cook at the Tripp Good Samaritan Home, and had also worked at the Dairy Queen and Lunch Box, as well as catering wedding and anniversary celebrations, school proms, and other special occasions; and,

Whereas, LaVern and Arlene have lived in Tripp, South Dakota, all of their married life, and family helped them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary prior to the official date, and is planning a card shower for them on their anniversary; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 6, 2003, as

LaVERN & ARLENE SCHAEFER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

